MORTON GROVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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2019 Winter Break Reading Program

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Birth - Grade 8

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2019 IN REVIEW

With the end of the year in sight, we thought it would be fun to see how you used the Library in 2019.

185,856
Total books checked out

Most popular book:
Killers of the Flower Moon
by David Grann

43,542
Total movies checked out / streamed

Most popular movie:
A Star Is Born

5,228
Total music albums checked out / streamed

As a playlist, this would continuously play for 182 days.*

11,310
Total TV series checked out / streamed

That's a total of 3,267 days of binge watching.*

19,878
Total attendance at Library events

44,668
Total questions asked at our public desks

164,811 guests walked through our doors in 2019!

Data collected from January 1 to October 31, 2019, from our physical and digital collection.
*Estimates based on average length of music albums and TV shows.

A YEAR OF CHANGES

We experienced several big changes at the Library throughout 2019, which we hope have made your Library experience even better.

We joined the library network **Cooperative Computer Services (CCS)** in January, giving Morton Grove convenient access to materials at 25 other libraries.

We redesigned the **Library's logo and updated our branding** to encapsulate what we felt represented the Library as much as the Morton Grove community in general: friendly and open, with a small-town neighborhood charm and an eye on the future.

We recently launched a **new website and event calendar**, our first website upgrade in 7 years. The site and calendar are mobile friendly, allowing you to easily view our events, make room reservations, read staff recommendations, and much more.

COMING TOGETHER:
JOURNEYS TO NILES TOWNSHIP

Beginning January 26, Niles Township's 11th annual Coming Together will explore something all of our community members have in common: our Journeys to Niles Township. Visit **ComingTogether.in** for more information on featured books and events.

In honor of this year's Coming Together theme, here are excerpts of two new interviews from **MyMortonGrove.org**, the Library's oral history project featuring stories from Morton Grove residents:

SAMINA HUSSAIN

I love living here. I tell people over and over again that if I had to do it again, I would move here. I really found a place that I love. I love the neighbors. I love the community. One of the first things I did even before I closed on my house is when we were there for inspection, I saw my future neighbor and I introduced myself, "Hi! How are you? We're hoping to move in." ... I've seen my neighborhood grow over the years. When we first moved in, the neighborhood primarily consisted of empty nesters, so my first two children didn't have a lot of kids around to play with. But with so many young families moving in, my youngest son has more friends living within the neighborhood, and the younger neighbors really put forth the effort to get the neighborhood together. It's so much more lively. I love that our town is attracting so many families.

DILNAZ WARAICH

I think Morton Grove is a great potluck. I'm not going to call it a melting pot because I think when you have melting pot you kind of dilute yourself. I think about a potluck. When I come to a potluck and you say, "Hey Dilnaz, come over to my home, it's a potluck," I'm going to bring the best item I know how to make to this potluck. Morton Grove is a community that's bringing the best of itself to the table, and I want to bring the best of myself and you're going to bring the best of yourself. It's this potluck that we have, and we need to continue working on this potluck. We really need to really broaden this table, where this table is filled with all different types of food, clothing, culture, and awareness. Just keep making this potluck more and more inclusive.

For audio and full transcripts of interviews with Morton Grove residents past and present, visit MyMortonGrove.org.

Are you or someone you know interested in sitting down for an interview?
Contact Chad Comello, Marketing & Engagement Coordinator, at ccomello@mgpl.org or 847-929-5108.

2019 Winter Break Reading Program

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NOW FOR BIRTH - GRADE 8

Spend your break from school earning awesome prizes at the Library.

Sign up anytime at the Youth Info Desk, then fill out your Bingo board by reading, playing, watching, and more. Last day to get prizes is January 5.

Winter Break Programming

R = Registration is required

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Saturday, Dec. 21
2 pm: Scratch 'n' Code (Grades 3-6) **R**

Monday, Dec. 23
10 am: Playgroup (Birth to Age 5)
2 pm: Movie: *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* (Family)
4 pm: Yarn Gang (Grades 1-8)

Thursday, Dec. 26
10 am: Block Party (Ages 1-5)
2 pm: Movie: *Toy Story 4* (Family)
7 pm: Family Engineering Night (Family)

Friday, Dec. 27
9:30 or 11 am: Wee Read (Birth to Age 2)
2 pm: The Jason Kollum Juggling Show (Family)
3 pm: Nintendo Switch Gaming (Grades K-5)
4 pm: Nintendo Switch Gaming (Grades 6-8)

Saturday, Dec. 28
2 pm: Sensory Friendly Movie: *Shaun the Sheep* (Family)

Monday, Dec. 30
10 am: Playgroup (Birth to Age 5)
2 pm: Movie: *The Secret Life of Pets 2* (Family)
4 pm: Yarn Gang (Grades 1-8)

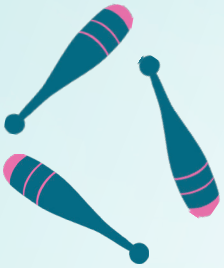
Tuesday, Dec. 31
11:30 am: Noon Year's Eve (Family)

Thursday, Jan. 2
2 pm: Movie: *The Lion King* (live action) (Family)
7 pm: Chopped: Arts & Crafts Edition (Grades 2-8) **R**

Friday, Jan. 3
9:30 or 11 am: Wee Read (Birth to Age 2)
4:30 pm: Drama Club (Grades 1-8)

Sunday, Jan. 5
3 pm: Family Storytime (Birth to Kindergarten)

The Jason Kollum Juggling Show



Family
Friday, Dec. 27, 2-3 pm
A fun and interactive juggling show followed by a hands-on workshop on the basics of juggling.

Noon Year's Eve

Family
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm
Celebrate the new year in library style with our countdown to 12:00 noon. Make a festive craft, sip on sparkling juice, and kiss your loved one a Happy Noon Year!

Due to the popularity of these programs and limited space, please do not bring strollers into the Library for these events. The Library is not responsible for unattended belongings.

Winter Break Movies

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. While all ages are welcome, these movies are intended for families with children. Be aware that age-appropriate behavior and noises will occur during the movies.

The Nutcracker and the Four Realms
Monday, Dec. 23, 2-3:40 pm
A young girl is transported into a magical world of gingerbread soldiers and an army of mice. (2018, PG, 1 hr 38 min)

Toy Story 4
Thursday, Dec. 26, 2-3:45 pm
When a new toy, Forky, joins Woody and the gang, a road trip reveals how big the world can be for a toy. (2019, PG, 1 hr 40 min)

The Secret Life of Pets 2
Monday, Dec. 30, 2-3:30 pm
The continuing story of Max and his pet friends, which follows their lives after their owners leave them for the day. (2019, PG, 1 hr 26 min)

***The Lion King* (live action)**
Thursday, Jan. 2, 2-3:45 pm
After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery. (2019, PG, 1 hr 43 min)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

R = Registration is required

REGISTRATION begins November 15 for December programs and December 15 for January programs unless otherwise noted. Drop-in programs are limited to room capacity. See our online calendar for limitations.

We strive to make all our programs inclusive of all abilities. To that end, we have noise-canceling headphones and fidgets available in the program room. If there is a way we can accommodate your child's needs at Library events, please let us know.

Mathematics Tea Party
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, Dec. 1 and Jan. 26, 2-3 pm
You are cordially invited to this tea party where we wear big hats, drink pretend tea, and make math welcoming for all. **R**

Monday Morning Playgroup
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 10-11:30 am
Tired of those boring old toys at home? Drop in and meet new friends for play and fun.

Family Dance Party
Family
Sundays, Dec. 15 and Jan. 12, 3-4 pm
An active class featuring music, dancing, musical instruments, and more. **R**

Block Party
Ages 1-5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Dec. 26, 10-11 am
Enjoy constructive stories and play with blocks of all sorts: wooden blocks, DUPLO blocks, soft blocks, and other building toys and materials.

Make & Take Playgroup: Straw Beads
Ages 1-5 with a parent/caregiver
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
While your child is engaged in playing with our toys, you create a "busy bag" for playing while on the go later. Each busy bag contains an age-appropriate activity for your toddler or preschooler.

Yoga Kids Storytime
Ages 3-7
Saturday, Jan. 18, 10-11 am
Practice breathing, relaxation, and simple yoga poses that promote mindfulness in this librarian-lead storytime that combines yoga and books. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat. **R**

Movin' & Groovin'
Ages 2-6 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 10-10:45 am
Wiggle, jiggle, and jump around to some of our favorite children's tunes. Scarves, shakers, and other musical instruments provided.

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings: Being Patient
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, Jan. 30, 10-10:45 am
Learn to manage big feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. **R**

Storytimes

All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Drop-in storytime attendance is limited to 35 due to room capacity.

Bedtime Stories & More
Family
Mondays, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6, 7-7:30 pm

Listen Up!
Birth to Kindergarten
Tuesdays, 10-10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12 pm
(No class Dec. 24 or 31)

Toddler Time
Ages 24-36 Months
Wednesdays, Dec. 4-18 and Jan. 8-22, 10-11 am

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-6
Thursdays, Dec. 5-19 and Jan. 9-23, 10-10:45 am

Wee Read Lapsit
Birth to Age 2
Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am or 11 am - 12 pm

Family Storytime
Family
Sundays, Dec. 8 and Jan. 5, 3-3:45 pm

Total-T Magic Show
Family
Monday, Jan. 20, 2-3 pm
Spend your day off from school with veteran magician Terrance Hunter and his spellbinding, lightning-fast illusions.

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Yarn Gang
Grades 1-8
Mondays, 4-5 pm
Learn to knit or crochet at this drop-in class. No experience needed.

Drama Club
Grades 1-8
Fridays, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3, 4:30-5:30 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games.

Creative Writing Crew
Grades 3-6
Saturdays, 2-3 pm
Dec. 7: Diary and Letter Stories
Jan. 18: Figurative Language
Build your creative writing skills through games and fun writing activities. **R**

Tween Survival Club
Grades 4-7
Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, and Jan. 29, 4-5 pm
A tween-only hangout with snacks, activities, and games to get you through the school week. No stress allowed.

K-2 Craftsters
Grades K-2
Thursdays, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, 4:30-5:30 pm
Make a new craft project each month. Mess optional, art skills not required. **R**

Crafty Saturday
Family
Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

LEGO Builders
Grades K-8
Mondays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 20, 6:30-7:30 pm
Open play with our massive LEGO collection. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Bookworms
Grades K-2
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30-7:30 pm
In this fun class for budding booklovers, we explore a story through activities and art. This session: all things gingerbread. **R**

ANIME CLUB
Grades 6-9
Thursdays, Dec. 19 and Jan. 9, 7-8 pm
A fun-filled hour of authentic Japanese snacks, shows, and all things anime. Bring your art and your appetite for anime.

Scratch 'n' Code
Grades 3-6
Saturday, Dec. 21, 2-3 pm
Learn the basics of computer coding with Scratch 2.0 by creating simple and fun programs. Ability to work with a computer and mouse is required. **R**

KIDS

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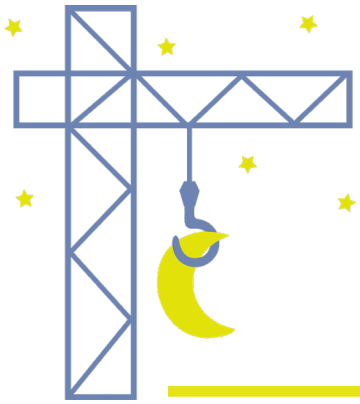


Family Engineering Night
Family
Thursdays, 7-8:15 pm
Dec. 26: Wrecking Balls
Jan. 16: Monster Circuits
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children might be interested in participating with a grown-up. Munchies provided.

Nintendo Switch Gaming
Friday, Dec. 27
Grades K-5, **2-3 pm**
Grades 6-8, **3-4 pm**
Drop in and join group gameplay on Nintendo's Switch gaming system during our open play sessions. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Sensory Friendly Movie: *Shaun the Sheep*
Family
Saturday, Dec. 28, 2-3:30 pm
At this special screening, the lights are up, the volume is down, and attendees are welcome to move around, talk, or sing their way through. Noise-canceling headphones and fidgets available. The intended audience for this program is those with special needs, though everyone is welcome to attend.
(2015, PG, 1 hr 25 min)

Chopped: Arts & Crafts Edition
Grades 2-8
Thursday, Jan. 2, 7-8 pm
Show off your artistic skills and create the coolest masterpiece in the room. The catch? You must use one key component of our choosing, however strange it might be. The one who best uses the chosen material wins free bragging rights. This event is kid vs. kid. **R**

Mad Math Society: Tackling Triangles
Grades 3-6
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 4:30-5:30 pm
We are out to prove that math is secretly awesome with brain-bending fun and activities. **R**

Yoga Kids Storytime
Ages 3-7
Saturday, Jan. 18, 10-11 am
Practice breathing, relaxation, and simple yoga poses that promote mindfulness in this librarian-lead storytime that combines yoga and books. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat. **R**

Math Brigade: Counting Coins
Grades K-2
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 4:30-5:30 pm
Discover math skills through active learning, then work as a team to build something amazing. **R**

Chess Academy
Grades 1-8
Thursday, Jan. 23, 7-8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.

Nature Night
Grades 2-4
Monday, Jan. 27, 6:30-7:30 pm
Explore the great outdoors from indoors with nature-inspired crafts and activities. **R**

Craftin' Around: Snowman Bowling Games
Grades 3-8
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7-8 pm
An evening of craft-tastic fun, with a different project each month. **R**

Art Adventure
Grades 3-8
Friday, Jan. 31, 4:30-5:30 pm
View and discuss art made by famous artists throughout history, then make an art project inspired by that artist or style.

HOMESCHOOL EVENTS

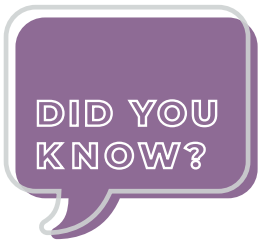
These programs are intended for homeschool families, though all are welcome to attend. For more information on homeschooling services, call the Youth Services Desk at 847-929-5102.

Engineering Club
Ages 8-12
Wednesdays, 1:45-3 pm
Dec. 11: Wrecking Balls
Jan. 15: Monster Circuits
In this daytime club for homeschoolers, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. **R**

Book Bash
Ages 6-9
Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and Jan. 8, 2-2:30 pm
Homeschoolers are invited to join us to read and discuss a selection of this year's Monarch Award books, Illinois' Readers' Choice Award for students in grades K-3.

Famished for Fiction
Ages 10-13
Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and Jan. 8, 2:30-3 pm
Homeschoolers are invited to join us for a chat about new and favorite fiction books. Bring a beloved book to share with the group, or just come to discover your next great read.

Folk & Fairy Tales Storytime
Ages 4-7
Thursdays, Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 2-3 pm
An entertaining storytime focused on a traditional folk or fairy tale, then all mixed up with silly, exciting, or wacky versions of the tale.

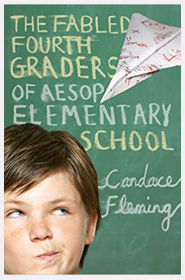


The Youth Services Department has STEM kits available for checkout. Each kit explores Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math concepts using games, experiments, and play. Check one out!

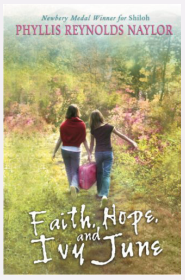
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Mother-Daughter Book Club
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for a lively discussion and activities connected to the book of the month. Fifth graders should choose the book club best suited for them. **R**

Grades 3-5
The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School
by Candace Fleming
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Dec. 8

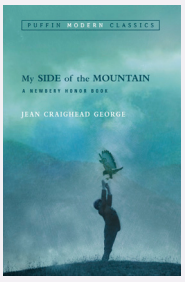


Grades 5-7
Faith, Hope, and Ivy June
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Dec. 15



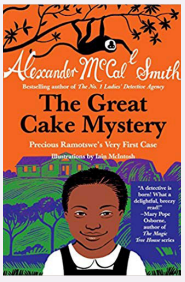
Guys Read
Bring your favorite grown-up for discussion and activities featuring the book of the month. **R**

Grades 4-6
My Side of the Mountain
by Jean Craighead George
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7-8 pm
Reg. opens Dec. 15



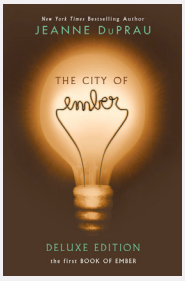
Family Reads
Read the book of the month aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity. **R**

Grades 1-3
The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case
by Alexander McCall Smith
Monday, Jan. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm
Reg. opens Dec. 13



NEW! Books and Beyond
In this book club, participants read the book and then come to the Library to discuss, eat pizza, and watch the movie based on the book. **R**

Grades 6-8
City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-8 pm
Reg. opens Dec. 15



TEEN PROGRAMS are designed and presented for students in grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.

MORE EVENTS FOR GRADES 7-8

Yarn Gang • Drama Club • Tween Survival Club • LEGO Builders • Anime Club
Nintendo Switch Gaming • Chopped: Arts & Crafts Edition • Chess Academy
Craftin' Around • Art Adventure • NEW! Books and Beyond book club

Details on pages 4-9

FINALS STUDY NIGHT

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 5-8 pm
Take a break from studying for finals with free coffee and pizza.

Yoga for All Skill Levels

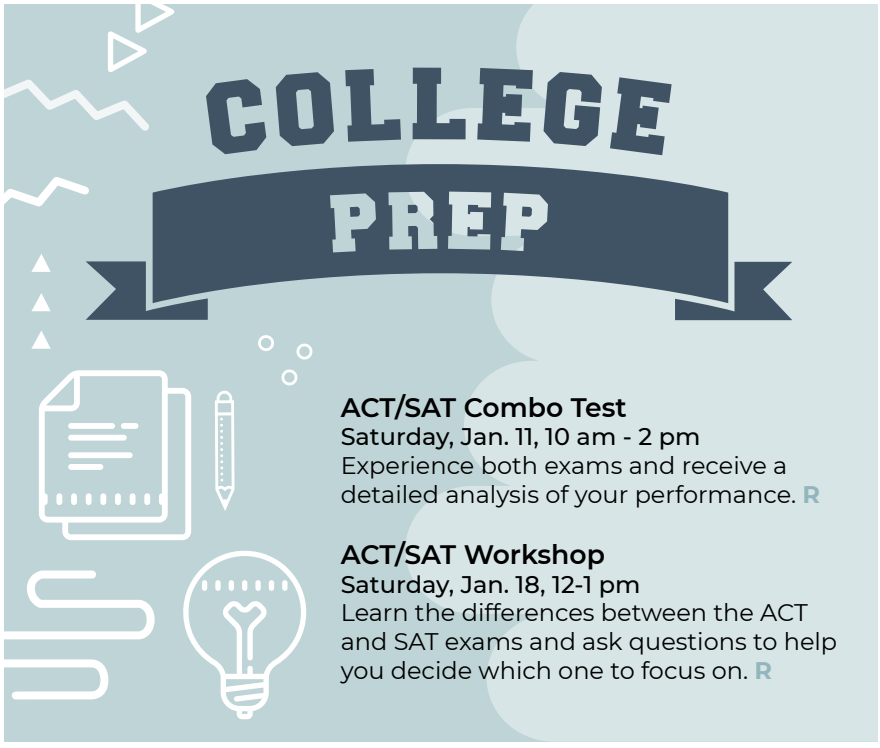
Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-11 am
Release your stress and relax during this free yoga session for all skill levels. Mats will be provided on a limited, first-come first-served basis. **R**

Magic the Gathering Open Play

Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and Jan. 8, 6-8 pm
Bring your deck or use ours as we summon creatures and do battle. **R**

Dungeons & Dragons

Sundays, Dec. 8 and Jan. 5, 1:30-4:30 pm
Travel into the unknown and quest together (or alone) in the world of Dungeons & Dragons. **R**



ACT/SAT Combo Test

Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 am - 2 pm
Experience both exams and receive a detailed analysis of your performance. **R**

ACT/SAT Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 18, 12-1 pm
Learn the differences between the ACT and SAT exams and ask questions to help you decide which one to focus on. **R**

HEALTHY LIVING

To better serve our community's consumer health needs, we are offering a series of programs devoted to healthy living. Whether you're looking for reliable medical information, helpful resources, or just want to live healthier, we've got resources and programs for you.

Dementia and Aging
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2-3 pm
A representative from The Auberge at Orchard Park discusses the warning signs of dementia and what to watch for when your memory seems to be challenged.

Walk 'N Talk Book Group
Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-11:30 am
Details on page 15.

Bingocize
Thursdays, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23, 10-11 am
Exercise your body and your mind while having fun playing Bingo and winning prizes. All skill levels and abilities welcome. **R**

Fitness Resolutions for the New Year
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2-3 pm
Dietician and nutritionist Susan A. Stein, RDN, LD, explains proper dieting and how to find the best New Year's diet for you.

Medical & Recreational Cannabis: What You Need to Know
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7-8 pm
Medical marijuana dispensary GreenGate Chicago provides a brief introduction to medical cannabis, how to find and enroll in programs throughout Illinois, and the advantages of having your medical card now that cannabis is legalized for recreational use.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Saturday, Jan. 25, 2-3:30 pm
Details on page 14.

Chair Yoga
Fridays, Dec. 6 and Dec. 20, 10-11 am
Practice seated and standing poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. All equipment provided. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Yoga for All Skill Levels
Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-11 am
Release your stress and relax during this free yoga session for all skill levels. Mats will be provided on a limited, first-come first-served basis. **R**

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF OLDER ADULTS

We are looking for older adults in the community to provide insight on programming and services that the Library can offer.

Have suggestions for how we can better serve you? To express interest, visit the Info Desk or contact us at 847-929-5101 or info@mgpl.org.

OSCARS PREDICTION CONTEST

Starting Friday, Jan. 17, stop by the Info Desks to fill out an Oscars prediction ballot for a chance to win a Movie Lovers Prize Pack. The contest runs through Friday, Feb. 7, when we will have an MGPL After Dark Wrap-Up Party. Look for details in the next issue of the newsletter.

CONCERTS

The Random Ringers
Sunday, Dec. 1, 2-3 pm
This Chicagoland handbell choir rings in the season with traditional and modern holiday classics.

Jazz Consortium Big Band
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2-3 pm
With a brassy mix of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and rhythm section, this Chicago jazz group plays the best of the classic and modern big bands, plus a swinging mix of holiday favorites.

In Full Swing Jazz Orchestra
Sunday, Jan. 19, 2-3 pm
Jazz pianist Ron Surace leads his orchestra in a celebration of the best hits of Count Basie, Glenn Miller, and more.

There will be no Movies, Munchies & More on December 24 or December 31.

Presentation: Winter Theater Guide for the Holidays and the New Year

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Chicago theater critic and journalist Kris Vire (Chicago magazine, Chicago Sun-Times, New York Times) previews this winter's top holiday shows and some best bets for the new year.

The Hustle

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11:30 am - 1 pm
Two con women—one low-rent and the other high-class—team up to take down the men who have wronged them. Cast: Anne Hathaway, Rebel Wilson. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 33 min)

Holiday Inn

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 11:30 am - 1:15 pm
At an inn that's only open on holidays, a crooner and a hoofer compete for the affections of a beautiful up-and-coming performer. Cast: Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds. (1942, NR, 1 hr 40 min)

Tolkien

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
A biopic about the formative years of the orphaned author J.R.R. Tolkien as he finds friendship, love, and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts at school. Cast: Nicholas Hoult, Lily Collins, Colm Meaney. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 52 min)

Selma

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 11:30 am - 1:45 pm
A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Cast: David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo, Tim Roth. (2014, PG-13, 2 hr 8 min)

Presentation: Night (H)owls: Late Night TV Pioneers

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Robert Burton, Professor Emeritus of Communications at Oakton Community College, highlights memorable moments from the pioneering days of late-night television and discusses its evolution over the years.

Strange but True

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 11:30 am - 1:15 pm
A woman surprises the family of her deceased boyfriend by telling them she's pregnant with his child. Cast: Nick Robinson, Amy Ryan, Greg Kinnear. (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 36 min)

For more movies, see page 14.

Introduction to Electronic Cooking Devices

Thursday, Dec. 5, 7-8 pm
Learn the differences between slow cookers, pressure cookers, and air fryers. Recipes and samples will be provided. **R**

Sensory Friendly Movie: *Shaun the Sheep*

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2-3:30 pm
At this special screening, the lights are up, the volume is down, and attendees are welcome to move around, talk, or sing their way through. Noise-canceling headphones and fidgets available. The intended audience for this program is those with special needs, though everyone is welcome to attend. (2015, PG, 1 hr 25 min)

BUILD YOUR CAT A CASTLE

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6-8 pm
Use your creative skills to transform a cardboard box into an awesome hangout spot for your cat (or another small pet). Boxes and other basic supplies provided. Adults and families are welcome. **R**

ADULTS

R = Registration is required

Winter Card Making
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10-11:30 am or 12-1:30 pm
Use layering techniques, stamps, paper punches, and other embellishments to create fun and unique greeting cards. Materials will be provided. Please register for one of the sessions (10 am or 12 pm). **R**

Crafting for Charity
Saturdays, Dec. 14, Dec. 28, Jan. 11, and Jan. 25, 9:30-11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. In December, the crafters are working on winter items to support the Morton Grove Fire Department Holiday Food and Gift Drive. Please bring your needles, hooks, and some acrylic yarn.

Scrabble for Adults
Wednesdays, Dec. 18 and Jan. 15, 2-4 pm
Exercise your brain and enjoy friendly games of Scrabble with other word-lovers.

Creative Coloring for Adults
Saturday, Jan. 25, 2-3:30 pm
Tap into your creativity and relieve stress in this coloring program just for adults. **R**

Knitting Roundtable
Mondays, 1:30-4 pm
Expert knitter and Library volunteer Ronnie Rund teaches how to knit or solve knitting challenges. Bring your current knitting project(s) and needles.

MOVIES

HOT TICKET

The Art of Racing in the Rain
Thursday, Dec. 19, 2 & 6:30 pm
An aspiring racecar driver learns that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate the journey of life with the help of his beloved dog, Enzo. Cast: Milo Ventimiglia, Kevin Costner (2019, R, 2 hr)

Downton Abbey
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2 & 6:30 pm
The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century. Cast: Michelle Dockery, Maggie Smith (2019, PG, 2 hr)

SILVER SCREEN SERIES

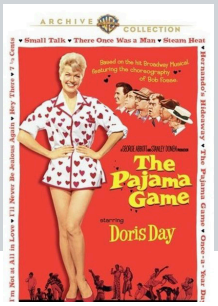
His Girl Friday
Friday, Dec. 6, 2-3:30 pm
A newspaper editor uses every trick in the book to keep his ace reporter ex-wife from remarrying. Cast: Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell. (1940, NR, 1 hr 30 min)

The Pajama Game
Friday, Jan. 3, 2-3:45 pm
An Iowa pajama factory worker falls in love with an affable superintendent who had been hired by the factory's boss to help oppose the workers' demand for a pay raise. (1957, NR, 1 hr 40 min)

CRITICS' CHOICE CINEMA

Styx
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2-4 pm
A doctor embarks on a one-woman, solo sailing trip in the Atlantic. When she comes across a sinking ship of refugees, she is quickly torn out of her contented and idealized world and must make a momentous decision. (2018, NR, German w/ English subtitles)

The Sower
Sunday, Jan. 26, 2-3:45 pm
When a mysterious and handsome stranger arrives in a remote female-only French village, he ignites jealousies that threaten to destroy the tight-knit community. (2019, NR, French w/ English subtitles, 1 hr 40 min)



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

HANDS-ON CLASSES

Excel for Beginners: Creating a Budget
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7-8:30 pm
Learn how to make a basic household budget in Excel. **R**

LECTURE/DEMO

Power Searching with Google
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2-3 pm
Learn how Google makes finding the right information amazingly easy using powerful advanced search tools. **R**

Streaming Videos and More with Kanopy & Hoopla
Thursday, Jan. 9, 2-3 pm
Learn how you can use Hoopla and Kanopy to stream or download popular movies, TV shows, music, and audiobooks on your tablet, smartphone, or computer. **R**

VIRTUAL REALITY

Test Drive the Oculus Quest
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-4 pm
Drop in for a hands-on demonstration of the Oculus Quest, a high-fidelity virtual reality headset. We'll have several programs available to experience.

DIGITAL PRIVACY CHECK-UP

Start the new year right by taking a fresh look at your digital privacy. Morton Grove residents can request a one-hour Book a Librarian appointment where a librarian will help you update your accounts' privacy and security settings and learn good online practices.

Visit **mgpl.org/book-a-libraran** to make a request.

BOOK TALKS

Join us in the Cooperman Room for our monthly book talk. (Formerly held at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center of Morton Grove.)

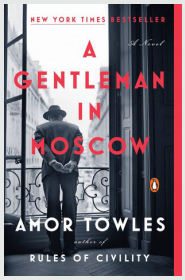
Best of 2019
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1-2 pm
It's that time of the year again, when we gather and share our favorite, most talked-about, and most-recognized books of the year.

There will be no book talk in January.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines meets at the Library at two different times.

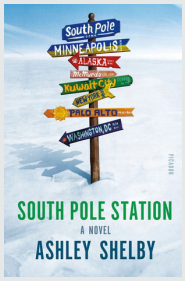
There will be no Between the Lines discussions in December.



A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles
Thursday, Jan. 23, 10-11 am
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7-8 pm

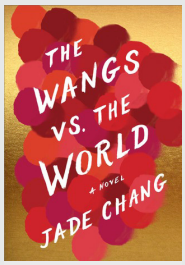
LitLounge meets in Village Inn Pizzeria at 8050 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

End of Year Celebration
Come prepared to discuss your favorite reads of 2019.
Wednesday, Dec. 11,
7:30-8:30 pm



South Pole Station
by Ashley Shelby
Wednesday, Jan. 8,
7:30-8:30 pm

Walk 'N' Talk
The Wangs vs. The World
by Jade Chang
Saturday, Dec. 14, 10-11:30 am
Meet at Starbucks (6763 West Dempster Street in Morton Grove) where we'll start with a hot drink and set out on the North Branch Trail. You can pick up the book at the Check-Out Desk a month prior to the meeting. **R**



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Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 (for adult and teen programs) or 847-929-5102 (for children's programs) to confirm scheduled events.

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Get Crafty with Creativebug

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If you're looking for stylish winter décor ideas, look no further than Creativebug, a digital resource now available through the Library. Creativebug provides access to more than 1,000 award-winning video classes on arts, crafts, home design, and more.

Find free patterns, templates, recipes, and anything else you'll need to get your creativity flowing. From classy winter wreaths and garlands to festive holiday cards, there is plenty to learn while using Creativebug.

This is a must-have resource for DIYers of all ages and skill levels. Visit **mgpl.org/online-resources** to get started and create a free account.

2019 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDES

Book, movie, music, and video game recommendations from MGPL staff will be available in the Library and online starting December 1.

BAXTER AUDITORIUM EXHIBIT | December 2 - January 30
Photographic Adventure in Tapestry and Flowers | Shirlee Perlow

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas
Tuesday, Dec. 31 Closing early (at 5 pm) for New Year's Eve
Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day